GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF EXPLOSIVES BY NCL
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a): the cost of explosives purchased for various projects of Northern Coalfields Limited, Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh from various Public/Private Companies Project- wise and Company-wise during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the norms for purchase of explosive material used in explosion works in various projects of Northern Coalfields Limited, Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether those norms are adhered by the purchase department;

(d) if so, the reasons for the purchase of this material directly from the private companies resulting into low quality;

(e) whether the Government have conducted an inquiry in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the officials responsible for this?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Project-wise, cost of explosives purchased from different companies in Northern Coalfields Limited during the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 (upto June, 2002) is given at Annexure.

(b): The purchase of explosives is done by way of open tendering from proven/established manufacturers dealing with explosives and its accessories.

(c): The above norms for purchase of explosives are adhered to by the purchase department of NCL.

(d): The private companies dealing with explosives and accessories who are proven for such class of items for CIL mines and participate against open tendering are only considered for placement of order. So far, there has been no complaint for poor quality of explosives supplied to NCL by the explosive suppliers.

(e) & (f): Do not arise in view of reply given to part (d).